

Monday Herald Review

As a background to today's news, the HERALD this week publishes a digest of the top news stories which were covered the first of the week in the Monday edition of the Torrance HERALD. This can only be a brief outline of some of the top news events. For complete stories, plus neighborhood news, features, and advertising values, read the HERALD each Monday.

STUDENT AWARDS—Nine Torrance High School students were named winners of Bank of America Achievement Awards by a committee of the faculty at the school. Five of the nine winners will compete with students from other schools for zone honors.

MAN DIES IN FIRE—Jossey W. Wallace, 42, of 21414 S. Vera St., died in a blaze which swept through his trailer home early Saturday morning.

ANNEXATION—Despite published reports that the Great Lakes Corp. had withdrawn its petition to annex a huge portion of the undeveloped Palos Verdes peninsula area to Torrance, informed sources reported that the petition was still under consideration and that the April 5 public hearing before the City Council had not been canceled.

BANK FIRE—Torrance fire engines screamed down to the California Bank at Marcellina and Sartori Saturday afternoon when a janitor there reported smelling smoke. Faulty wiring was blamed for the alarm.

COMMUNITY CHEST—Joseph F. Bocaccio, former head of the Veterans Service Center in San Pedro, was named to the post of Harbor Area Director for the Community Chest.

\$100,000 LOMITA FIRE—Damage estimated at \$100,000 was suffered by a building firm in Lomita last Thursday. HERALD readers were given all the details in a front page story Monday.

GOLF COURSE—A special meeting to hear interested persons on the plan to install a pitch and putt golf course at Seaside park has been set for this evening. Details of a meeting with many of the residents who appeared before the city's Recreation Commission were reported Monday.

ARMORY BUILDING—Bids for landscaping the new Torrance Armory at Cabrillo and Lincoln Ave. will be opened soon by the State, a HERALD story published on Monday stated.

HIGHWAY CRASHES—A neighbor rushing a nine-month-old tot to the hospital after it had been stricken by spinal meningitis crashed on Hawthorne Ave. The infant was picked up and rushed on to Children's Hospital by ambulance. Six persons were injured in another crash at 174th and Normandie Ave. Friday night. Several of them were Torrance residents. In another HERALD story published Monday, it was reported that two persons were injured in a collision at 190th St. and Inglewood Ave.

YWCA LEADER RESIGNS—Resignation of Mrs. Charlotte Lukes, branch director of the Torrance YWCA for the past six years, effective Sept. 1, 1955 was announced.

SHOW—The annual hobby, Arts, and Flower show dates have been set for May 6, 7, and 8, a Monday story reported.

STATE BUDGET—The status of the budget now making its way through the California Legislature was reported in a roundup of the Sacramento Beat on the HERALD's editorial page Monday. The roundup also included reports on action in the legislature during the week on liquor and gambling, salary increases, welfare, water, education, elections, labor, and the tidelands.

REPORT CARDS—Columnist Tom Rische reported that some of the state's senators had labeled the modern "gradeless" report cards as socialist.

NEW TRACK RECORD—Gary Cooke set a new Torrance High School record in the 220-yard dash in a meet against Redondo Beach, Friday, Monday's sport section of the HERALD carried the story of the new record, a picture of Cooke, and a complete report on the track meet.

LITTLE LEAGUE—Registration and try outs for the Pacific Coast Little League will be held next Saturday.

AMERICAN BUSINESS—The car business is soaring, but it is expected to slow up in July, Columnist Reynolds Knight reported Monday. He also spoke of smog, housing, and Lent.

All of these stories and many others were covered by HERALD reporters for last Monday's edition.

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NEW CALIFORNIA BANK . . . Architect's drawing above shows new quarters for California Bank's Torrance office to be located at Sartori and Marcellina Aves., across the street from the office's present location. The bank will have

working space of almost 11,000 square feet—several times larger than that of the present office. Work is expected to begin on the new bank in May, according to A. C. Otsea, vice-president in charge of the Torrance Office.

County To Negotiate For Beach Lands Protection

Negotiations with the State of California to protect the County's rights in State acquired beach lands now operated by the County were ordered Tuesday by Supervisor Burton W. Chace.

Chace pointed out to the Board of Supervisors that the present master lease between the County and the State of California on the beach lands "does not fully protect the interests of the taxpayers of the County of Los Angeles."

According to Chace, under the terms of the present lease, the State may cancel the lease merely by giving one year's notice in writing, and further, does not have to reimburse the County for any capital improvements made upon the beach areas.

Acquired by State
Chace pointed out that a sizable part of the County's beach areas were acquired by the State and are being operated, developed, and maintained by the County. He said that he felt for the protection of the County's interests, the lease should be amended so that it could only be canceled by mutual agreement of the County and the State.

The Supervisor further stated that he felt the monies for the

development and maintenance of the beach areas should in part be contributed by the State with tideland oil funds "because these beaches are a recreational area and playground not only for the people of Los Angeles County, but for more than half the population of the State of California, as well as for millions of out-of-state visitors."

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Prize Winners For Kites Told

The annual kite contest, sponsored by the Torrance Recreation Department, was a huge success, according to Les Breitenfeldt, in charge of the tourney.

Some of the kites soared high into the blue, while others stubbornly refused to leave the ground, Breitenfeldt reported.

Nearly a hundred people gathered at Turrance Park to watch the colorful event.

Vern Clary, local teacher, had the difficult task of selecting winners from the many kites that were entered.

Those taking home prizes were as follows: Robin Moffitt took first place for the most outstanding kite and Robert Antletz was second. Andy Lano grabbed off first place for the most novel, Billy Beasley was second.

In the best ready-made division, Barbara Herman and Rieby Daniels took awards. Jimmy Burkhardt took first place for the largest, and John Mel was second. Eddie Einkler carried home first place for the smallest and John Moffitt took the second place award.

AUTO COLORS
Only about 12 percent of passenger automobiles produced today are painted black, although as late as 1948 it was used on 25 percent of the new cars.

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Only about 30 percent of all Americans see efficiently without visual aids.

Ray Howell Joins Navy

Raymond William Howell, son of Mr. and Mrs. William R. Howell, of 3809 W. 181st St., has enlisted in the Navy through the local recruiting office at 111 N. El Paseo, Redondo Beach.

A former corporal in the national guard, he plans to seek training as a gunner's mate in the Navy. Further information on the Navy program may be obtained by calling FR 4-0423 or DA 4-4658, or contacting a recruiting office, located in Redondo Beach or at 16422 S. Vermont, Gardena.

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Shopping Center Manager Speaks To El Nido Civic Association

Latest information and progress in the development of the new South Bay Shopping Center, soon to be erected at the corner of 174th St. and Hawthorne Ave., was given to members of the El Nido Civic Association at last Monday night's meeting by Robert H. Adler, general manager of the new project.

Adler told the large audience that work on the Medical Center, the first of the buildings to be erected on the property would start within the next 90 days. It is planned to make this one of the most modern and up-to-date structures of its kind in Los Angeles County.

Following that will be the construction of the big recreation center which will include a huge bowling alley equipped with automatic pin setters. Another feature of the Center will be the large civic auditorium which will be open for local and public events during the week days. On Friday and Saturday big dances will be held with famous name bands furnishing the music.

The entire property will be beautifully landscaped and the same architectural scheme followed throughout in all the buildings, according to Adler. Parking space will be provided for more than 3000 cars and the streets so arranged that traffic will move with as little interruption as possible.

The meeting was attended by a large delegation from north Torrance.

The secretary was directed to send a letter to the Board of Supervisors protesting against any sale of El Nido Park to Redondo Beach.

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